

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO BO SHAFER

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Mr. Bo Shafer, who recently became the International President of the Kiwanis Club.

He is one of the finest men I know.

All who know Bo Shafer agree that he is a compassionate leader who serves our Country well. His dedication and commitment to community service and involvement are an example to everyone.

He has served for 33 years on the Salvation Army Board, raised millions of dollars for the Center of Hope and other organizations, and served as an elder and Sunday school teacher at the Second Presbyterian Church, just to name a few.

In 1995 he was named Community Leader of the Year by the Religious Heritage of America. Bo Shafer also served as United Way chairman in 1983 and co-chairman with his wife, Mary, in 1994.

Bo's devotion to community service can only be outdone by his commitment to family. Bo and Mary have been married for 33 years. They have a beautiful family, including the recent addition of their first grandchild, Christopher.

This Country would be a better place if we had more men like Bo Shafer.

I want to say thank you to a great Tennessean, a great American, my friend, Bo Shafer. I have included a copy of an article written in Kiwanis Magazine honoring Bo Shafer that I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

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AT THE HEART OF BO SHAFER

(By Chuck Jonak)

At Cain Seed Hollow, Bo and Mary Shafer's family finds a Tennessean slice of paradise. Norris Lake laps lightly at its banks some 100 feet below the cottage's second-story deck. Leaves rustle, Hummingbirds flit about in zigzag flight. Vixen lazes away her dog's life, napping between the two rocking chairs where Bo and Mary watch the sun set over the river lake's distant horizon. The quite's so loud, you can hear yourself think.

Soaking up the serenity, Bo reflects on the countless good times centered on this rustic retreat he carved into a plot of sloping woods: a fireplace crackling on a winter's night with his beloved wife snuggling close; churning up homemade ice cream while his young daughter, Heidi, stands wide-eyed by his side; the scent of the forest as he cuts fallen trees with his teenage son, Andy; the inner-tube train filled with his kids' friends bouncing and laughing behind a slow-moving speedboat's wake. Soon, a grandchild (or two

or three) will create new memories, gleefully playing below on his kids' swings—now still.

Bo counts his blessings. A life rich with love and joy, he's always strived to share it with as many people as possible, and he will be afforded a global opportunity to expand upon a lifelong devotion to community service as Kiwanis' 2000-01 International President—while spreading his homespun "Boverbs":

"JOY COMES FROM GIVING; PLEASURE COMES FROM TAKING"

"I don't think people are born with a servant heart; I think we're born selfish," Bo theorizes. "And if you don't have spiritual help, you really don't have the right heart to do things for other people and expect nothing in return. When I ask people why they help others, the answer I usually get is that it makes them feel good. That's fine, but if you do it for that reason, that's not altruistic service."

Bo knows. His civic involvement, particularly in the fund-raising arena, in which he's raised millions of dollars, is as deep as his roots to his hometown of Knoxville, Tennessee. He always has devoted about 50 percent of his waking hours to community service of some form.

Consider a sampling: 33 years on the Salvation Army Board, including \$5 million raised for the Center of Hope as campaign co-chairman (with good friend and Knoxville Rotarian Dale Keasling); United Way chairman in 1983 and co-chairman (with Mary) in 1994, including \$1.6 million raised for McNabb Children and Youth Center as campaign co-chairman (again with Keasling); Second Presbyterian Church elder and Sunday school teacher for 31 years; and 1995 Community Leader of the Year by the Religious Heritage of America.

"WE ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS"

"With United Way, I'd visit agencies and learn more and more about how many people need help," President Bo says, "I really learned

Bo's servant heart was nurtured by his parents. His mother, Evelyn, age 93, with whom he lunches nearly every Wednesday, has a master's degree in child development. She taught school for a while but then stayed home to raise Bo, his twin sister, and his brother and other sister.

His father, Alex, who died in 1967, was the son of a West Virginia railroad machinist, an insurance agent, and a Knoxville Kiwanian. In 1965 alone, he was the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District governor, the Knoxville Elk Club exalted leader, and a local school board member. Still, Bo's dad—and his mother—always were involved in their children's activities.

"DON'T WORRY THAT YOUR CHILDREN AREN'T LISTENING TO YOU; WORRY THAT THEY'RE WATCHING YOU"

"I had a very supportive family. My parents were the biggest influence on me by far, and my daddy influenced me most on community service," Bo recalls. "He had a good heart; he always was helping people."

Born February 1, 1937, Bo had an active childhood, especially in sports. He was on

the high school basketball and track teams, and he excelled at football, earning all-state honors and a scholarship to the University of Tennessee (UT) in Knoxville.

Notably, he was a charter member of the West High School Key Club, and then he became a charter member of the UT Circle K club. Years later when Bo was the Circle K club's Kiwanis sponsor, he helped it form a Big Brothers chapter.

In college, football—which is taken very seriously at UT—occupied much of his time. A six-foot-two-inch, 220-pound "average" tackle who played iron-man football (offense and defense) for the Volunteers, he saw a lot of action as a junior and was a first-stringer his senior year. (The Vols went to the 1956 Sugar Bowl with tailback Johnny Majors and to the 1957 Gator Bowl.)

Bo was more than just a jock, though: His senior year, he was elected student government president. He graduated in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in business.

Then it was off to the United States Army for 18 months with his Reserve Officers' Training Corps commission. He was a first lieutenant in the military police with a logistical command unit stationed in Metz, France, for more than a year. He credits that experience (as well as seven years in the US Army Reserve) for enhancing his leadership skills.

Returning home, Bo began the pursuit of his career aspirations and soon opened the Shafer Insurance Agency with his father in 1963. (Today, the agency has 17 employees, including his son, who also is a UT business grad.)

"NOTHING WORTHWHILE IS EASY"

"I wrote a paper in the ninth grade about being an insurance agent; that's what I wanted to be," Bo says. "My daddy never came home and complained about the business; he just talked about it positively. I never had another thing that I ever wanted to do except to follow in his footsteps."

Well, almost nothing. By 1966, Bo was active in the Kiwanis Club of Knoxville (having joined in 1962 with his father's gentle persuasion) as the club's sponsor for the UT Circle K's, and, in Mary's words, was "the most eligible bachelor in town." Now, it seems that Mary, who was a UT education major, a former Miss

"THE REASON GUYS DON'T ASK OUT GIRLS IS BECAUSE WE'RE HUGE CHICKENS"

In September 1966, Mary was helping to organize a benefit fashion show. Knowing that Bo was in the military, she phoned him to ask if he would model in his uniform. He declined but said, "You sure sound pretty; I'm going to come downtown and see you," which he did. (What a line!)

Though Mary had a boyfriend at the time, Bo was persistent, and they eventually began dating. She recalls that on their first date, they went to his office, and some little boys stopped by with their report cards. He had a practice of rewarding these disadvantaged kids with a dollar for good grades, which he did, and then he sent the boys on their way, reminding them to brush their teeth.

"I just thought he was the nicest, most others-centered person I had ever met,"

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Mary recalls. "He has a real heart for other people. He never gets mad. He doesn't talk about others. He doesn't get upset with people, always giving them the benefit of the doubt. I mean, He's just a good person."

Bo had an equally positive impression of Mary: "I had dated lots of girls, but I never had the inclination to ask one of them to marry me," he says. "I knew within three weeks that Mary was the one. She is such a good-hearted person. I was ready to marry her right away."

They waited until the following September. "We've had as near a perfect marriage as possible; never had an argument in 33 years," Bo says. "I'm a lucky man."

So are their daughter and son. Mary worked as a substitute teacher briefly, but then she stayed home, because she and Bo believe children need a devoted mother's care and comfort.

"MOTHERS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, AREN'T THEY? YOU EVER SEE AN ATHLETE SAY 'HI, DADDY,' ON TELEVISION?"

"When you think about it, mothers are critical to society, because they're raising the next generation," Mary says. "We put our futures in mothers' hands."

Responsible fatherhood counts a lot too, of course, and Bo always stressed the importance of good character and trust. "It takes 20 years to build a reputation, but it only takes one minute to ruin it," he says. "I told my kids there's a difference between reputation and character: Reputation is what people think about you, and character is what you really are. Your character is determined by what you do when nobody's looking."

Mary and Bo clearly succeeded at parenting. Heidi, 29, taught third grade before giving birth to Christopher this past March and deciding to stay home with her newborn. "You hear about families whose parents never spent any time with them and never told them they love them, and that's just the opposite of ours," says Heidi, who fondly remembers her weekly before-school breakfasts with her dad. "You never doubted that they were there for you, and that they loved you."

"'I LOVE YOU' IS THE HARDEST THING IN THE WORLD TO GET OUT. HOW DUMB IS THAT?"

Andy, 27, continues in his father's footsteps in Kiwanis and other civic groups. "We always have been a family of example," he notes. "Heidi and I both saw how much our parents helped other people, so it was natural for me to become a Kiwanian."

Though it's not a "Boverb," it is true that into every life some rain must fall. The past year has rained two traumatic events on the Shafer family: Mary's recurrence of cancer (which now is in remission) and an automobile accident that killed Bo's 28-year-old nephew. Still, they keep a positive attitude. "PROBLEMS CAN MAKE YOU BETTER OR BITTER"

"You realize how important it is to do what you need to do now, instead of waiting to get to it later, because later may not be here," Bo says. "(The cancer) really has made us a better couple, love each other better, and love life more. It can make you a better person."

Mary echoes his sentiments: "When you are threatened with a terminal illness, it makes you realize how precious life is. You look at leaves and see that they're absolutely gorgeous. And it helps you realize what's really important."

"QUIT COMPLAINING, AND START APPRECIATING LIFE"

Bo claims he altered his perspective on life and quit complaining in 1983 when he was the

United Way chairman: "I held a crack baby in my arms, and I looked at this little girl and said, 'What did she do to deserve this?' The answer was 'nothing.' And I asked, 'What did I do to deserve not to be there?' And the answer was 'nothing.'"

"We're blessed beyond most of the world's wildest dreams. We don't even know what a problem is; we have to make them up. The problems we complain about, most people would love to have: 'The transmission is out in my third car. My steak wasn't tender enough. The ride's too long in the airplane.' I tell them to look out the window and think about crossing the ocean on the Niña, Pinta, and Santa Maria and shut your mouth!" he concludes with a laugh.

Bo is well aware of the real problems in the world. He recounts an experience in the Philippines where he saw 4,000 families squashed together in houses the size of a car—with no water, no sewers, no electricity. "When I was leaving," he notes, "I noticed five little girls practicing Kiwanis' second Object (the Golden Rule)—picking lice out of each other's hair."

Not surprisingly, Bo has a theory about humankind's woes. He calls it "10-80-10": 10 percent of people do something about problems; 80 percent of people don't notice problems; and 10 percent of people cause problems.

"HAVE YOU GOT 'A ROUND TUIT' "

Bo recalls another apropos anecdote: "I went to a funeral years ago, and I asked a guy who was a friend of the guy who died, 'Who's going to take his place?' He looked down at the ground, kicked a rock, and said, 'He didn't leave a vacancy.' And that's what happens when somebody doesn't do anything for anybody but themselves. If you don't love other people, who's going to miss you? Most people don't ever get around to helping others. You need something that helps you get around to it, and Kiwanis is a catalyst."

It certainly has been for Bo. He is the epitome of an active Kiwanian: 38 years in the Knoxville club with 32 years of perfect attendance; 1975-76 club president; chairman of numerous club committees; 10 years as Key Club sponsor, and another five as Circle K sponsor; 1982-83 lieutenant governor; chairman of numerous district committees; 1988-89 Kentucky-Tennessee District governor (distinguished); a member of the International Board since 1994; and so on and so on.

"A FISH GETS CAUGHT BECAUSE IT DOESN'T KEEP ITS MOUTH SHUT"

By his own admission, though, Bo never had a driving ambition to reach district and International leadership positions. He had to be talked into running for district governor and International Trustee. Lexington, Kentucky, Kiwanian John Gorrell, the district's 1989-90 governor, was one of the individuals encouraging Bo, and Past International President Aubrey Irby was another.

"I was a lieutenant governor when Aubrey made his official visit to our district," Bo explains, "and he told me: 'Bo, you ought to go further, but don't run for any job. If the door opens, just go through it. If that one doesn't open, another one will.' Well, the doors opened, I went through them, and here I am."

"Now, it's an unbelievable honor and privilege to be President—to be able to say I represent Kiwanians. I'm always amazed when I visit Kiwanians at the dedication they have. There are so many people who are really dedicated Kiwanians."

Count President Bo among them, and watch for him to be a true motivator, build-

ing enthusiasm wherever he goes. And foremost among his goals is growth—but as a way to a means. "Growth isn't my real goal; helping more people is," he clarifies.

When it comes to enthusiasm about Kiwanis and the need for more service through growth—stand back and listen to Bo go:

"People aren't joining Kiwanis because we're not asking. We've talked ourselves into thinking that nobody wants to join Kiwanis, and that is not right. Surveys show that young adults want to do more (service work), but no one asks them. That's exactly what we need to start doing. As soon as we start asking, our organization is going to grow."

"IDEAS ARE EASY: EXECUTION IS WHAT'S HARD"

"What you have to do is when you're around someone, you should be a Kiwanian and start talking about Kiwanis. And you don't say, 'Do you want to join the Kiwanis club?' What I always say is how lucky we are to be able to help other people and talk about a Kiwanis project. Tell people what Kiwanis does, and ask, 'Would you be interested in helping us help other people, especially children?'"

"I talk about what a privilege it is to be able to help others. It's not a duty; it's a privilege. I think in everybody's heart they want to help people, and we need to appeal to that side of it. Hardly anybody can say no when you talk in that context. And the people who say no, well, we don't want them in Kiwanis anyway."

"We need to show people what it's like to be a good Kiwanian. If we show them—be happy, have the right attitude, have a smile on your face—they'll be more inclined to join. It's important to be positive, not negative. People just have to look at the pluses instead of the minuses."

"In my opinion, if a club is not willing to grow, we need to form another one in the same town with young people. I was up at the lake a few years ago, and I saw this great big, strong-looking oak tree. I looked at it and said, 'Man, that thing's been there a long time.' I came back the next week, and that oak tree was down. But I looked around and noticed all these little oak saplings growing around it. And I said, 'The woods are OK,' and then I thought of Kiwanis."

"NOTHING GOOD HAPPENS UNLESS YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN"

"All we need to do is get a passion to grow. There is about one Kiwanian per 20,000 people in the world, and about 50 percent of the world needs help. We have so much to do, and that's why we need to grow. Getting other people to help us help others is an easy project, if we make that a passion."

"If we can get the leadership—starting from the very top—to start talking positively about how lucky we are and change that attitude, shoot, we can grow like gangbusters. If we talk about Kiwanis in a positive manner, then people will want to join."

"The more people we ask, the more new members we'll have and more people will stay who are going to be the right kind of members—active members."

Get the message? You will. President Bo plans on making it crystal-clear during his time in Kiwanis' highest office. And while he's at it, he'll be stressing a few other points as well.

Among them will be Kiwanis' sponsored programs—from K-Kids to Circle K. He believes Kiwanians need to pay more attention to these young volunteers.

"Our biggest problem is Kiwanians not going to their meetings and not being personally involved," Bo says. "We need to

teach youngster about giving. Teaching them that is one of the most important things we can do, because they're in their formative years, and if they learn to help others, well, that changes the world."

Which leads to another focal point for Bo: the Worldwide Service Project and its successful completion. "I used to say, 'We can't change the world, but each one of us can change a life,'" he says. "But now I realize we literally are changing the world by virtually eliminating IDD (iodine deficiency disorders)."

You also can expect Bo to dig into his pockets and pass out an endless supply of his trademark Super Bubble gum. (For the record, he buys about 20,000 pieces annually from Hackney Cash and Carry on Dale Avenue in Knoxville.) He began the tradition with a United Way fund-raising campaign slogan in 1982: "Don't gum up the works by not doing your part."

When he's completed his year as Kiwanis' impassioned ambassador, Bo will return to his hometown and his home club with more stories and more sayings. If you go looking for him, though, you might need to drive over to Cain Seed Hollow, because that's where he and Mary love to be.

You'll probably find him cutting wood, building, and adding touches to the 28-foot by 70-foot "cabin" he's constructed over the past 25 years with its rough-cut-oak exterior and wall-to-wall wooden interior. ("I didn't plan for it to be this big when I first had it in mind," Bo says. "I just love to build.")

You might arrive as he's sawing two-by-fours for another new deck while listening to a UT football game on the radio ("I guarantee I won't be sitting around watching television," he says), whistling away, happy as can be.

Or maybe you'll catch Mary and Bo on those rocking chairs, waiting for another gorgeous sunset, quietly thanking God for another beautiful day.

AUTHORIZING AN INTERPRETIVE CENTER NEAR DIAMOND VALLEY LAKE, CALIFORNIA

SPEECH OF

HON. MARY BONO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mrs. BONO. Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues, Representatives KEN CALVERT, JERRY LEWIS, DUNCAN HUNTER, GRACE NAPOLITANO, RON PACKARD, GARRY MILLER, and JOE BACA in support of H.R. 4187, which provides funding and other assistance for the creation of the Western Archeology and Paleontology Center in southern California's Riverside County, in close proximity to the Diamond Valley Lake Reservoir.

This facility will serve as both an interpretive center and museum to ensure the protection and preservation of the many prehistoric archaeological and paleontological findings uncovered during the lake's construction. These discoveries included rock paintings and carvings, bone and stone tools, pottery, a partial mammoth skeleton, mastodon tusks, and much more. A system of trails will be designed around the perimeter of the lake for use by pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles.

From the initial stages of discussion, this center has benefited from the guidance pro-

vided by the University of California at Riverside and a consortium of local individuals and organizations. The House report language directs the Secretary of the Interior to work with the University, the Metropolitan Water District (MWD), and local stakeholders in establishing and operating the center.

The State of California has already contributed \$6 million dollars to the establishment of the Western Center, and more than \$10 million dollars has been included in this year's state budget for the construction and maintenance of the center.

Diamond Valley Lake is the largest man-made lake in southern California. It was constructed at a cost of \$2.1 billion dollars, over a period of ten years. This project, located near the communities of Hemet, San Jacinto and Temecula in California's 44th congressional district, will provide an essential emergency water supply for the residents of the Los Angeles basin and the surrounding communities.

While Diamond Valley Lake will fulfill a critical water need for southern California, the unexpected benefit of this project was the discovery of a significant scientific treasure trove—the largest repository of prehistoric fossils in southern California. The establishment of a center and museum that will preserve these unique resources for future generations will benefit not only the people of California, but, the entire nation.

Mr. Speaker, I want to also extend my appreciation to Chairman YOUNG and HANSEN for their efforts on behalf of this bill, and urge my colleagues to pass this important legislation.

IN TRIBUTE TO WALTER BRENNAN AND JOEL MCCREA

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to two stars from my home in Ventura County, California, who made their mark on the world as screen legends and in Ventura County as good neighbors.

The duo will be honored this weekend with a statue in Old Town in Camarillo.

My best screen memories of Walter Brennan are probably the same as many—that of the shuffling, wizened and crotchety patriarch Grandpa Amos in *The Real McCoys*. The *Real McCoys* was "a moral show . . . about the love of a family," in the words of Kathleen "Kate McCoy" Nolan. We could use more of that fare on television today.

No brag, just fact.

Walter Brennan became Amos McCoy after a successful career on the big screen. Walter Brennan died in Oxnard, California, in 1974 at the age of 80, but his film career—which began in 1927—didn't end until a year later when his last film, *Smoke in the Wind*, was released.

In all, Walter Brennan acted in 186 films and three television series, not to count the singular TV shows in which he appeared. Mr. Brennan was the first actor to win the Best Supporting Oscar and the first to win three Oscars.

But to his neighbors in Moorpark, where he lived for some 20 years, the film and television star was just Mr. Brennan. It's fitting that a statute to Walter Brennan will grace Old Town Camarillo. Walter Brennan twice served as the city's grand marshal and his son lives in the city. A daughter still makes Moorpark her home.

Joel McCrea made his home in Moorpark Road at the foot of the Norwegian Grade, where his grandson still lives.

Joel McCrea began his career as a movie stuntman and landed his first starring role in *The Silver Horde*. He starred in dozens of more films throughout the 1930s and '40s. In the '50s, he starred as Ranger Jase Pearson in the television series *Tales of the Texas Rangers*.

Cry Blood, Apache, which was released in 1970, was a family affair. Joel McCrea and his son, Jody, starred in the film, and Jody McCrea also produced it.

Much of the McCrea Ranch now serves the public as parkland.

Mr. Speaker, Walter Brennan and Joel McCrea enriched our lives in many ways. I know my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to their memories.

TRIBUTE TO MS. LAURA J. CLARK OF DOTHAN, AL

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Ms. Laura J. Clark and her mother for sharing their extraordinary talent with the Children's Advocacy Centers. These ladies have gone to great lengths to fight child abuse. They have turned the misery and shame of child abuse into a beautiful song. Through music, they are reaching out to abused children and adults who were abused as children.

Ms. Clark and her mother are donating the profits of the compact disc and tape sales to the Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center.

Mr. Speaker, I enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the lyrics to "For the Children" so that others might have the opportunity read these words and find comfort in the song's message.

FOR THE CHILDREN (MUSIC AND LYRICS BY JO JOHNSON, ARRANGED BY BUDDY SKIPPER)

I need a safety blanket, I need a secret place to hide

I need someone to listen to me when I tell them I hurt inside

I have nightmares in the daytime then I cry myself to sleep

Where's an angle to watch over me when I pray "my soul to keep"?

I know you can't believe it, our stories break your heart in two

I know you can never see it but it's happening yes it's happening believe us it's true

We've got to make it right for the children Got to give them hope and heal their broken hearts

We've got to make it right for the children